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Amendments to the Abstract Clean Version

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following paragraph:

A valve assembly for an elastic mouthpiece for drinking from a liquid container. The valve assembly comprises a flexible membrane, having at least one valve opening, and a rigid membrane supporting element, which has at least one valve opening. The invention also relates to a mouthpiece for drinking from a liquid container that is provided with an inventive valve assembly, which is placed on a cap with an opening for the passage of liquid.